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FRANZ LISZT.

(Continued From Last Month.)

The triumph which attended his tour through Europe, in the following year, may public and also from the two leading musicians, Mendelssohn and Schumann. The former wrote to his mother, "Liszt has the which proved a great success under Spohr's newal-Nature and the life of the people. most intense musical feeling. In this re-direction. spect, I believe, he is unequaled. In fact, How marvelous is his playing! Now daring in Venice news came to him of the terrible trembled with emotion and delight."

served, that the Liszt enthusiasm reached When the composer left the city, all the students for whom he had given Hungary expressed its gratitude to its benseveral benefit concerts, formed in proces- efactor, both as man and artist, rewarded sion and accompanied him to the next post this noble act. At the same time the comstation. Half the populace was in the poser's sojourn in his county was of great streets waiting to wave a last farewell to artistic benefit to himself, for he became the famous guest, who headed the proces- better acquainted with the national music sion in a carriage drawn by six horses. of Hungary-the music of the gypsies. Even While driving the king accidentally got in- when a child he had been deeply impressed to the midst of the throng and was hardly by the violin playing of a gypsy artist noticed, a circumstance, which, according named Lihary, whom he heard in Vienna.

court that evening.

Of far greater significance, however, than his greatness as man and artist.

which had been planned immediately after

"I spend almost all my time with Liszt. most fifteen years, when suddenly one day thrilled me; and although many passages ship with them; the meaning of the word were rendered differently from what I had "fatherland" became suddenly clear to him, terized by a felicitous delicacy and bold-spirit I went back over the past, I looked ness of expression, such as even Liszt him- into my inner self and discovered with inself is not always able to attain. Every expressible delight the whole treasure of day Liszt appears greater to me, today he childhood's memories, pure and unspotted." played again in such a way that we all He hastened at once to Pesth, gave a series of concerts for the benefit of the suf-But it was in Berlin, which then had the ferers, and had the satisfaction of bringing reputation of being very critical and re-relief and comfort to thousands of needy people.

The boundless enthusiasm with which to Varnhagen, caused some ill humor at The gypsy music now became to him an

object of deep study, and he recognized the great beauty of its melodies, which, differall this, are two episodes from Liszt's ca- ing entirely from the music of civilization, reer as a virtuoso, which bear witness to possess melancholy harmonies and rythms, now blending dreamily, now rushing along The first happened in 1842 and concerns with irresistible impetuosity. Wishing to his assistance in the erection of the Bee- become thoroughly familiar with this music, thoven statue in Bonn. The enterprise, Liszt was not content to listen to the performances of the orchestras in the city, Beethoven's death, seemed on the point of but sought the roving people in the woods failure in that year, for just as success apon the Pussta, and by spending whole days peared certain, a pecuniary difficulty arose in personal intercourse with them, he beand the expectation of securing necessary came imbued with the romance of their funds from the German people was disap-lives and customs. All that he gathered pointed. In this emergency a friend in need there he imparted to the musical world in appeared in the person of the Hungarian his "Hungarian Rhapsodies," performing musician, Franz Liszt, who in his concerts the task much more faithfully than all the had already shown himself the champion composers who before him made use of of Beethoven, in the face of cold and an- Hungarian motives. In utilizing Hungarian tagonistic audiences. He expressed his themes, Haydn, Schubert and others had willingness to bear the entire expense of partly obeyed the bent of their own indithe monument, the sum necessary being viduality, and partly conformed to the taste be characterized here by the mention of a 18,000 thalers. But he did more than that; of the times, but in so doing they sacrificed few significant events. In Leipsic, where he interrupted his concert tour and settled a large share of the national character. he made his first appearance in 1840, he for several months in Bonn, in order to Liszt however, lets the gypsies speak in received an enthusiastic reception from the devote all his energy to the rehearsals of he their own musical idiom and in so doing music for the festival, which was to take directs our attention to that source whence place at the unveiling of the statue, and alone art may receive refreshment and re-

For ten years Liszt traveled in triumph Although by this act Liszt won the right through Europe. Then he could no longer I never before saw a musician so thoroughly to be classed among German artists yet resist the strong desire to rise to a higher imbued with music. It seems fairly to flow Hungary may claim him with equal jus- plane of his art than was possible in his unfrom his finger tips." In a letter written tice ,as the following episode will show, settled life. As early as 1846 he had been by Mendelssohn to his betrothed, we read, He had been away from his native land al- appointed court capellmeister in Weimar, without, however, assuming any definite duties. But in the following year, in view and wild, and again so delicate and ethe- floods which had afflicted the inhabitants of the marks of friendship which the grand real that it surpasses anything I ever heard. Of the Hungarian capital. Now, although duke had bestowed upon him when a guest, * * * This morning I wished for you. He Liszt was accustomed to regard France as Liszt resolved to exchange the piano for played from the Novelettes ,the Fantasia his country, yet at the thought of the mis- the conductor's baton and to settle down in and the Sonata in a manner that deeply fortunes of his compatriots, he felt his kin- the Thuringian capital, which, though small, was remarkable in the history of art. In the month of November, 1847, he entered intended, yet the performance was charac- and he wrote in a letter to L. Massart, "In upon the duties of his new office and began at once to display an extraordinary activity in the most diverse departments. As conductor he succeeded in raising Weimar, in spite of the modest means at his disposal ,to an important position, recognized by musical circles throughout Germany.

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Kelly was a fiddler in the Vaudeville team of Kelly and Monaghan, of which Monaghan was the pianist. Kelly died with the request that his violin be buried with him. At the funeral Monaghan saw the fiddle being put away with his partner and broke into laughing. Everybody was horrified and looked toward him for an explanation.

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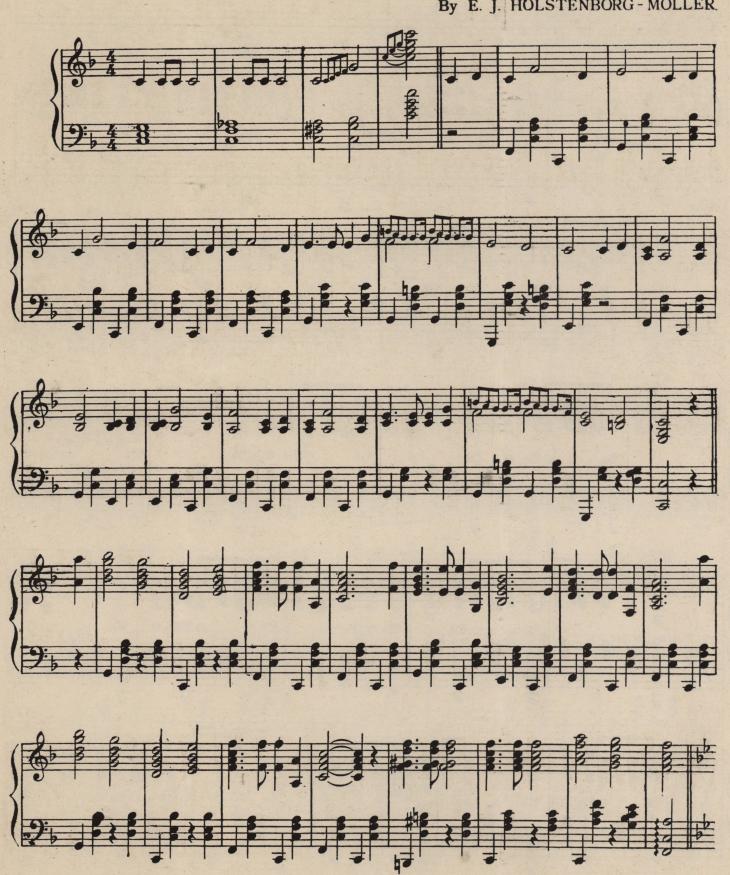
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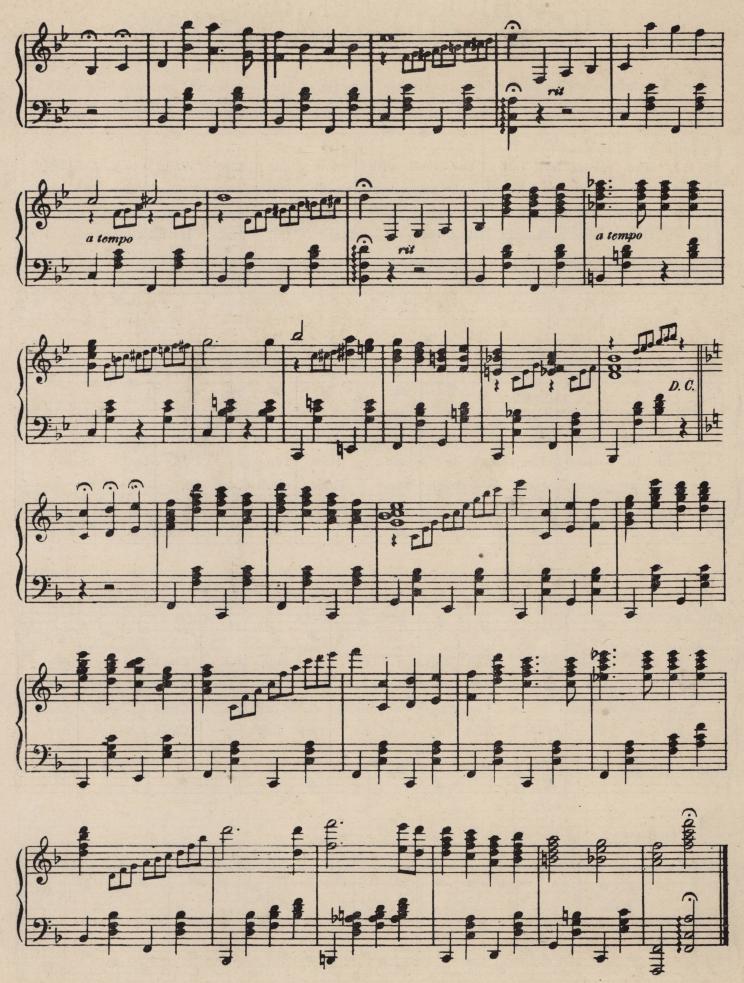
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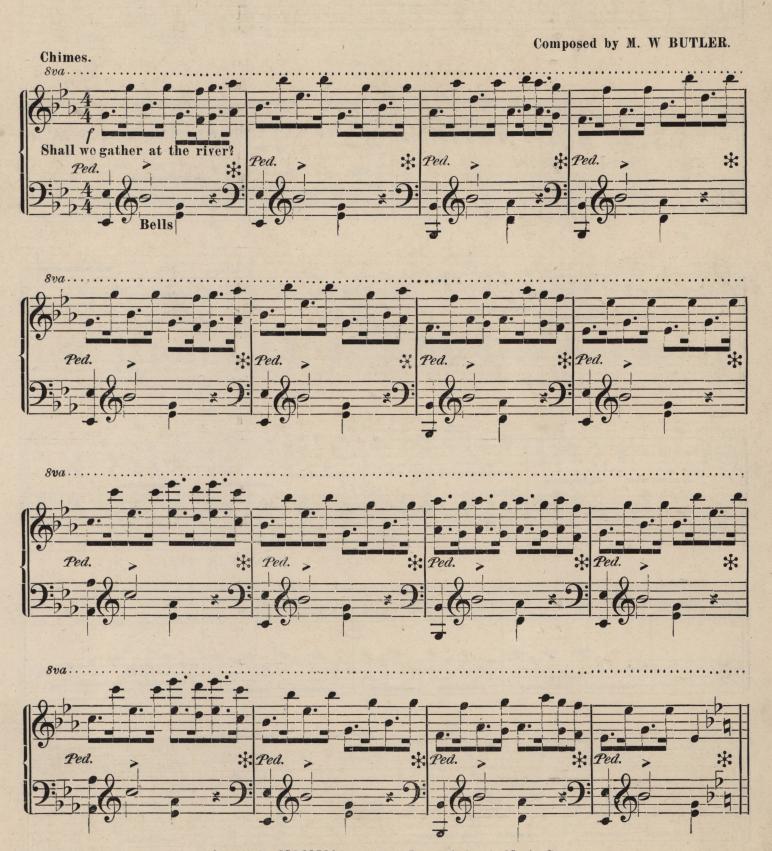
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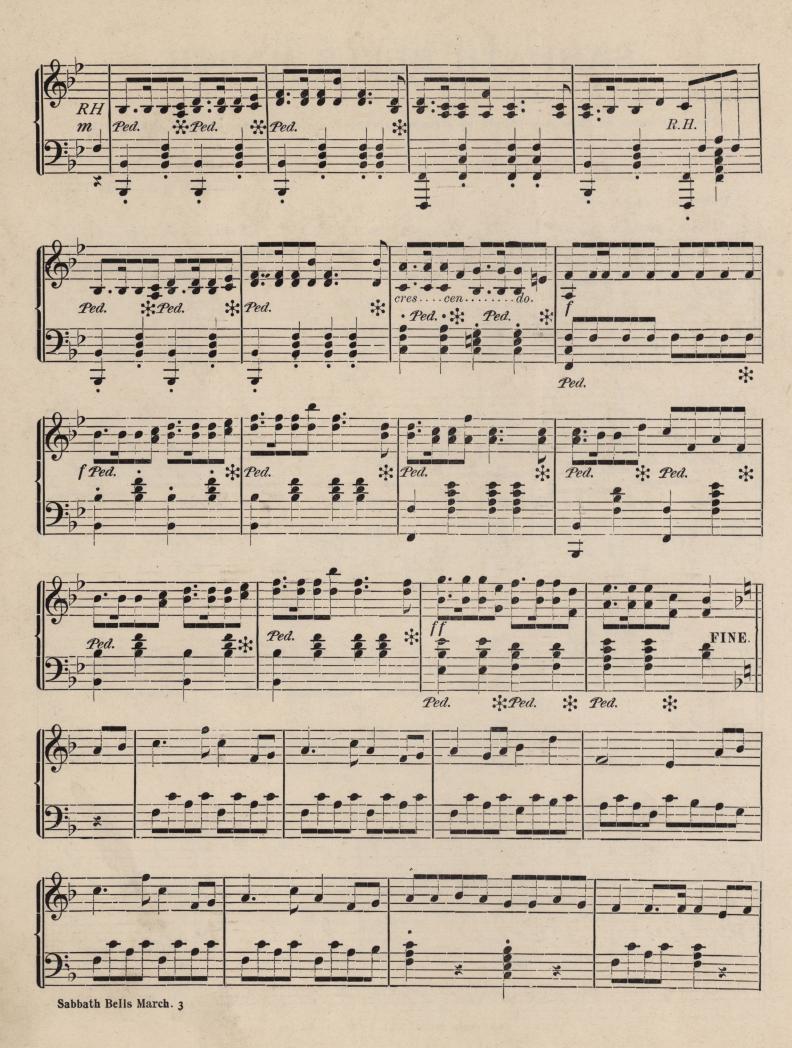
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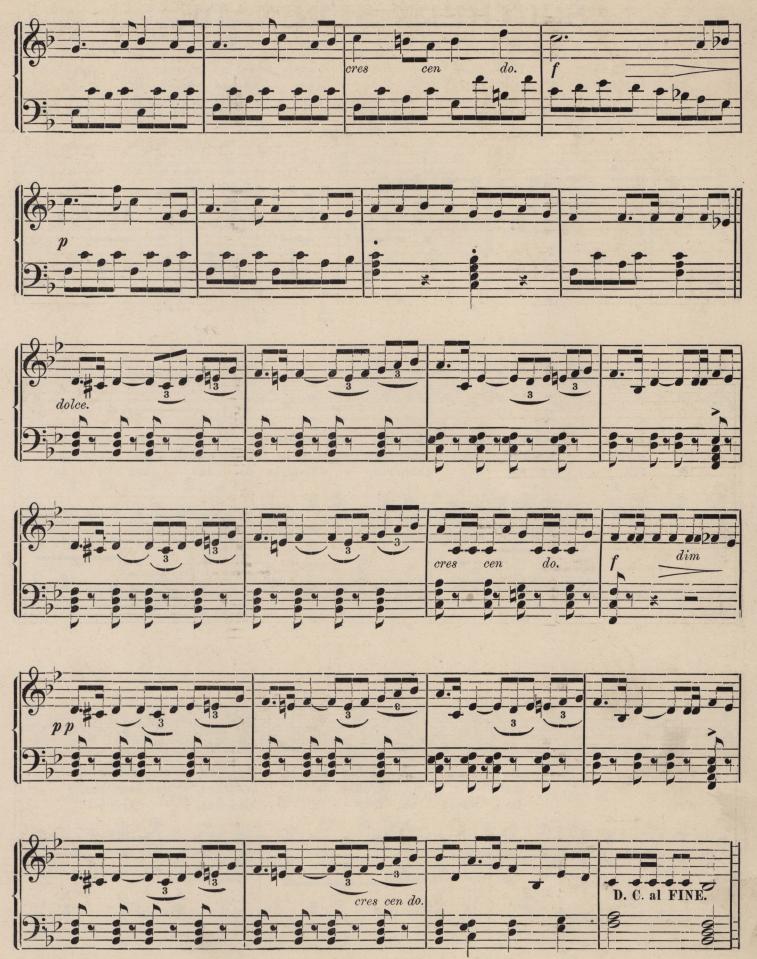
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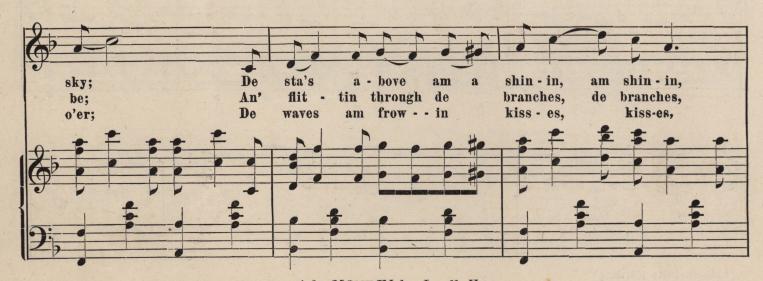
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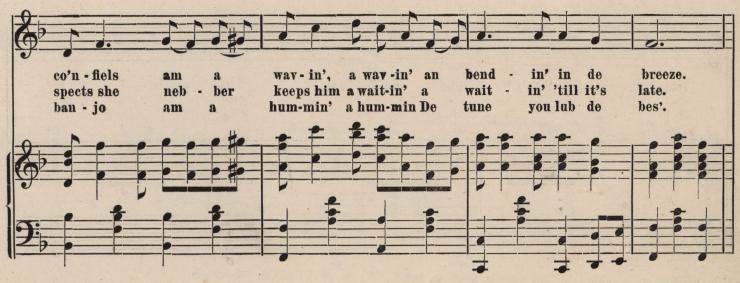




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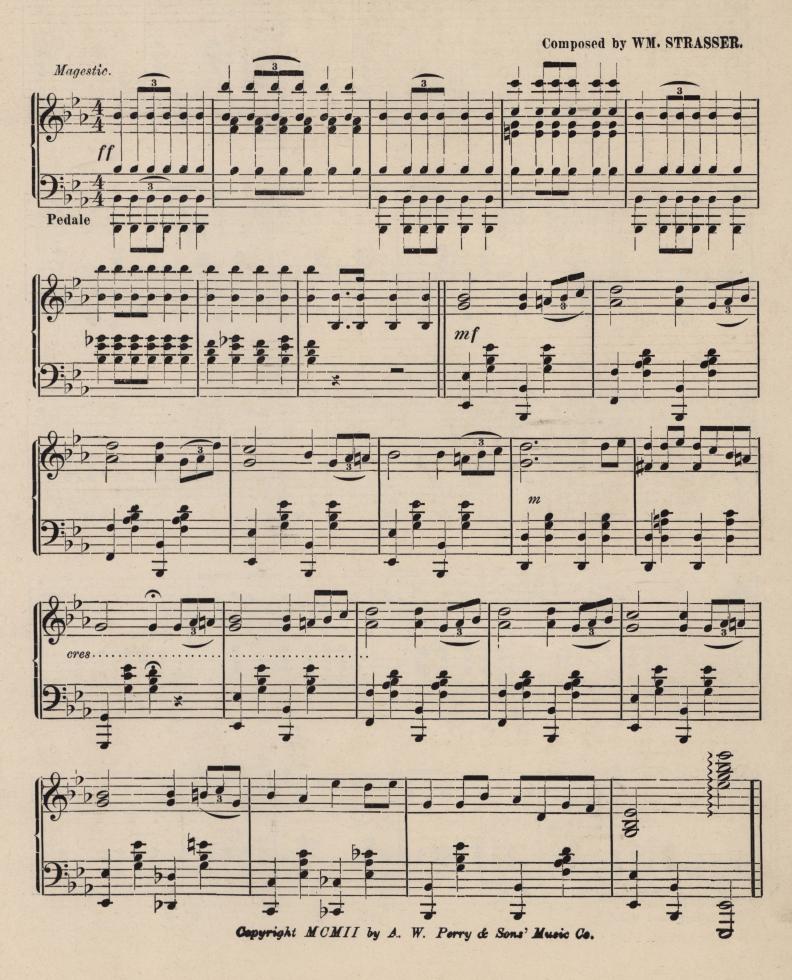


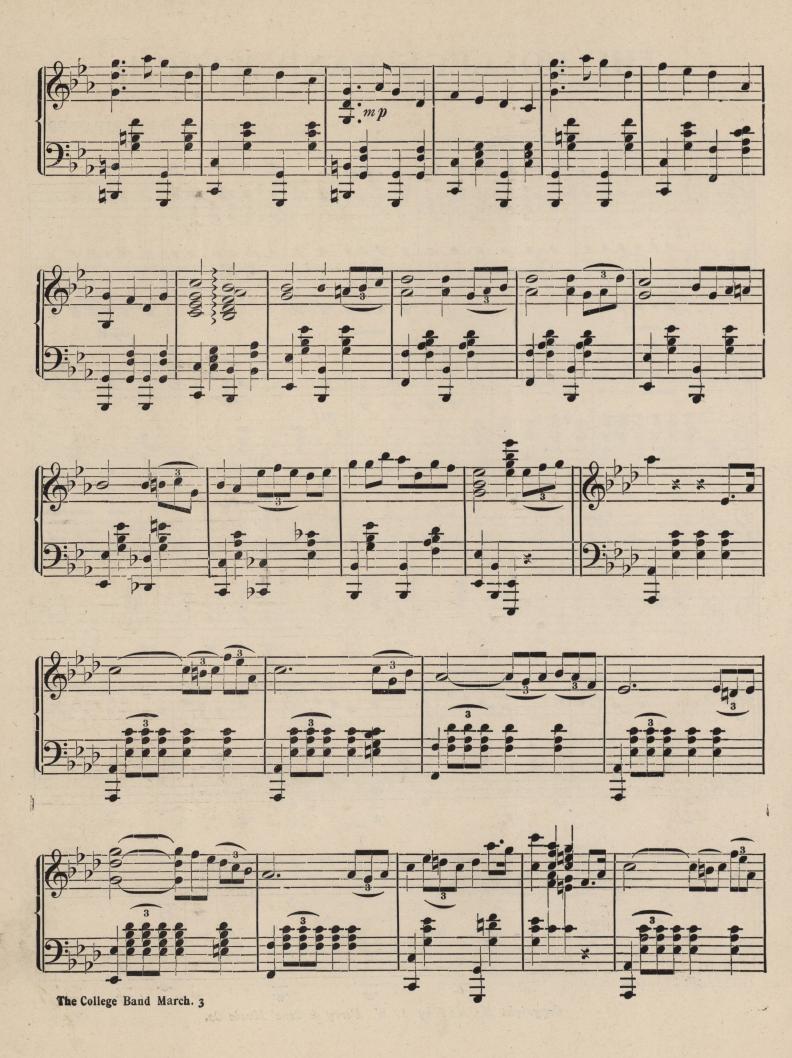




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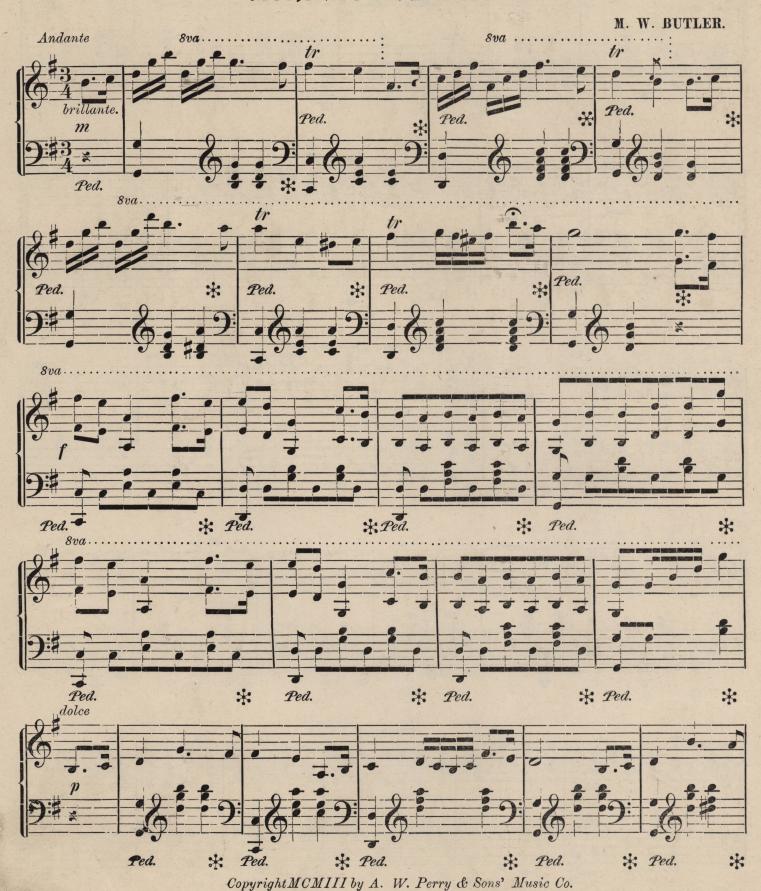




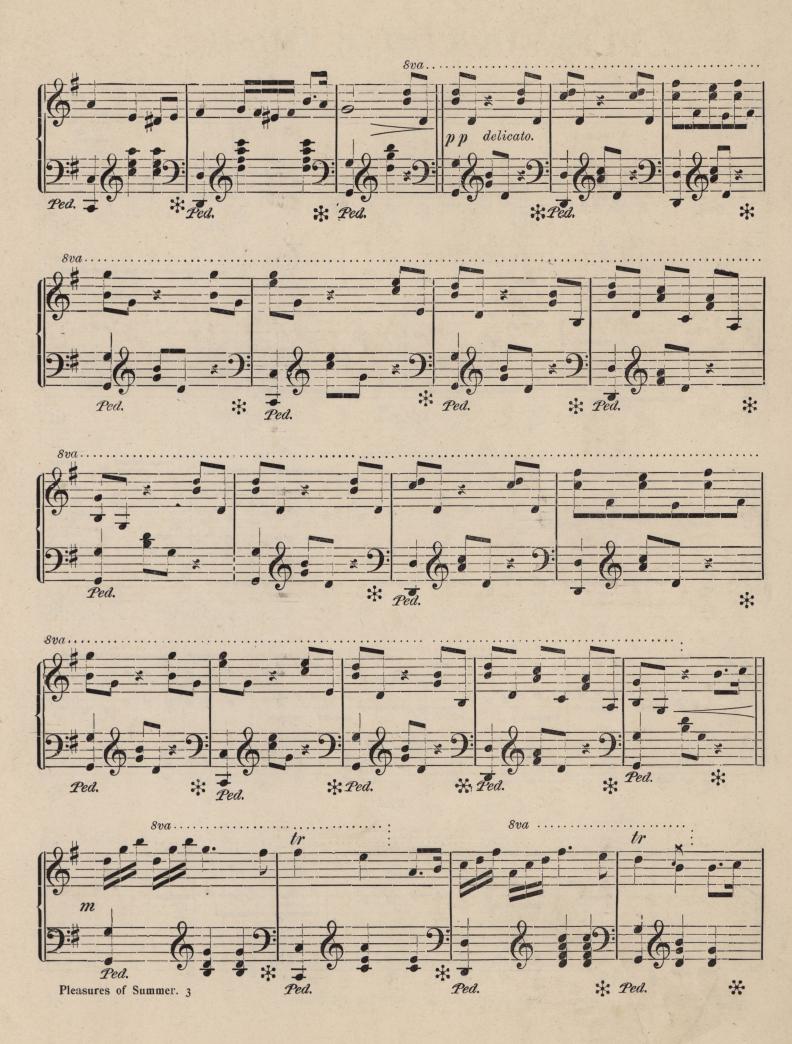


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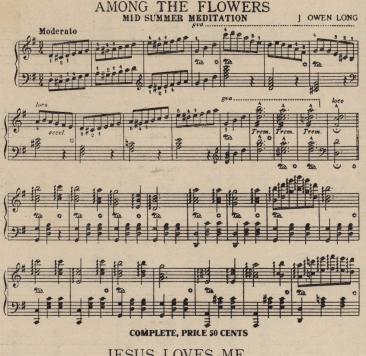


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